

ADMINISTRATION ON AGING
FY 2010 Aging and Disability Resource Center
Cooperative Agreements
Questions & Answers Document – 2010

Question: We have a question that is not answered in this document. Who can we contact?

Answer: Please contact Joseph Lugo at AoA and he will answer or route your question to the appropriate person at AoA or CMS. Joseph can be reached at joseph.lugo@aoa.hhs.gov or 202-357-3417.

Application:

Who is eligible to apply for these grants?

Only a state agency or instrumentality of a state (e.g., university) from a state that has received an ADRC grant previously.

Only a State agency or instrument of a State from a State that: 1) received an award to implement ADRCs through the AoA and CMS ADRC grants funded in fiscal years 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2009, and/or the CMS Person-Centered Hospital Discharge Planning Model Grants funded in fiscal years 2008 and 2009 may apply for this funding opportunity; and 2) continues to implement and operate the ADRC activities funded through their grant award(s), may apply for this funding opportunity.

If multiple agencies within our state have received funding from an ADRC award, which agency would be allowed to apply?

As described in the announcement, **AoA will accept only one application per State.** Ultimately, the state makes the final decision which agency will apply and serve as the lead agency. Regardless of who applies, the applicant must have the support and active participation of the State Unit on Aging, Medicaid and the State Disability Agencies where applicable. "State" refers to the definition provided under 45 CFR 74.2.

Is it possible to implement this grant in a non-ADRC region of the state?

No. The funds supporting this announcement have been specifically designed to support ADRC efforts. As described in the announcement, grantees will engage in two distinct yet interrelated activities over the grant period:

- 1) Develop and implement, in at least one ADRC site, a comprehensive set of standards (or strengthen/refine existing standards) for the ADRC Options Counseling and Assistance function.
- 2) Participate in a collaborative process with other grantees, federal agency staff, TA providers and other stakeholders to develop a set of minimum national standards for Options Counseling and Assistance.

Grantees will spend the first year of the grant period developing, refining and implementing – in a least one ADRC site - a comprehensive set of standards for their ADRC Options Counseling Program that address the elements noted in the announcement. As a result, funds for this announcement must be used in an ADRC service area.

Within in the “Proposed Project under Goals, Objectives and Subject Areas” could AoA provide more specific subject areas that states need to focus on?

In addition to the items listed on page 40 of 136, additional subject areas that Options Counseling standards can address include but is not limited to:

- accessing and coordinating long-term services and supports in the most integrated setting;
- possible eligibility for other benefits and services;
- development of a service and support plan; and
- information about programs established under the Assistive Technology Act of 1998 and the services offered under such programs.

Is it possible to apply for multiple parts of the full announcement such as Part B & D?

Yes. States may apply for multiple funding opportunities including Part A, Part B, Part C and/or Part D. However, please keep in mind **AoA will only accept one application per funding opportunity per State. If a State was interested in all four funding opportunities, four applications would be required.** States are strongly encouraged to work across all key stakeholders to identify and develop the best approach on which agency should apply for each opportunity.

A number of individuals have participated in a statewide training conducted by Eric Coleman. Would we be eligible to participate in Part D of the grant?

Yes.

Can we apply for the Options Counseling opportunity if we have not received the “formal” training described in the evidenced based care transition model?

Yes. However, if specific training is required to carry out your proposed evidenced-based care transition model, then the applicant must identify either in

their narrative, workplan and/or budget how the state plans to meet the minimum training requirements within the duration of the grant for the respective care transition model identified.

In terms of implementing OC standards, at the 12 month marker how many ADRC have to be implementing the standards?

Answer: The goal is statewide, but the minimum under this grant is one. Unlike previous ADRC announcements where the focus was on stretching our coverage, this announcement is trying to create greater depth where we do have ADRC activity.

Do we have to complete our CMS hospital discharge grant before applying for care transition grant?

Answer: That is not a requirement. However, please keep in mind “duplication of effort” and any proposed activities for this announcement must describe how these new activities will either enhance existing efforts or expand into new ADRC Options Counseling service areas.

Where do we acquire a DUNS number?

Answer: Organizations can receive a DUNS number at no cost by calling the dedicated toll-free DUNS Number request line at 1-866-705-5711 or by using this link to access a guide: https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/duns_num_guide.pdf

Can a University apply for the grant?

Answer: Yes, if the State designates the University as a State entity.